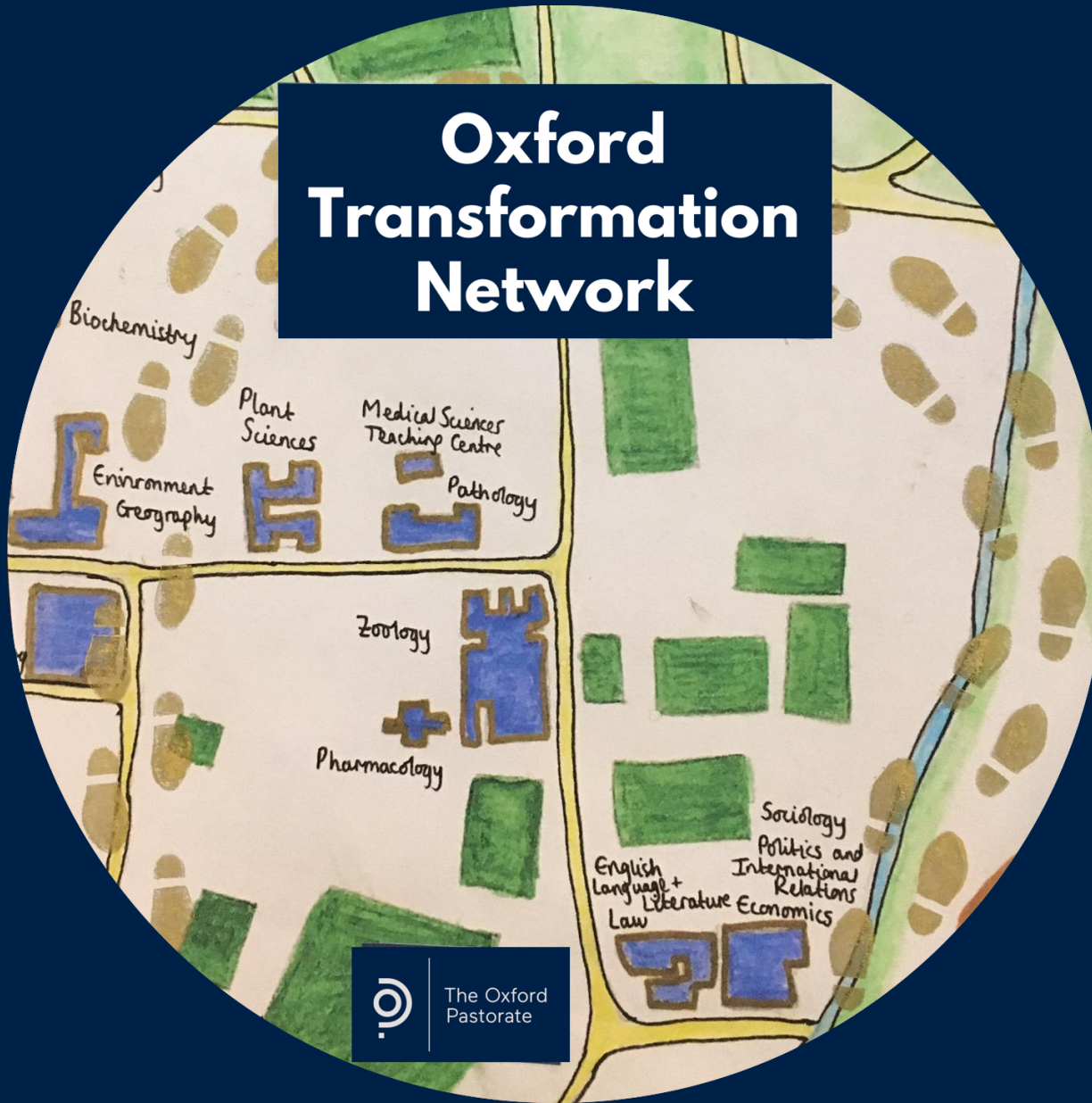


Oxford Transformation Network



The Story So Far...





The **Oxford Transformation Network** began with a vision received while walking in the city. I saw a map of the city of Oxford, with the university departments highlighted. There were beams of light radiating out of each department, boring holes in the walls. The beams of light spread out first over Oxford, then over this nation, and then out into other nations. I sensed that each beam of light represented a Christian releasing God's Kingdom in their workplaces, and His wisdom and Kingdom solutions in their areas of work.



Our dream is to see Christian students praying regularly in every university department across the city. We believe this is a strategic way to cover the university in prayer, and to pray for two specific things:

Kingdom Carriers - for the Kingdom to come in our workplaces. To see salvation, healing and transformation of individuals, and the restoration and transformation of departments themselves. To see a change in the atmosphere and culture of our workplaces, and for God's light and Spirit to break in.

Kingdom Solutions - for God to release his wisdom to us in our work tasks and research, in order to solve problems, both big and small. To pray for God's wisdom and solutions in our own individual research, the research of others in our departments and the decisions the departments make, and in the big questions or challenges in society which relate to our sector of work. We believe releasing His wisdom and solutions in relation to problems we face is another way that God longs to witness to the world around us: to show his love for people and for our societies, and to demonstrate His glory.



We hope to connect Christians from different churches and levels of academic study in Oxford, and to inspire them to intercede for their places of work and study.

We want to see prayer occurring at three levels:

Individually - every day for our own research, department and colleagues. We have produced small prayer cards to carry in our purses and wallets as reminders to pray.

With others in our university departments - prayer groups meeting regularly in individual departments.

With others cross-departmentally - 'gathering-in' prayer meetings a few times a term, to share stories and prayer requests with people from other departments.



We believe God is speaking **Joshua 1:3** to Christians in Oxford at this time:

'I will give you every place where you set your foot.'



We believe there is power in praying actually in our workplaces, not simply at a distance from our churches or homes. In calling on the name of Jesus at our desks, in libraries or laboratories, we invite God's Kingdom into those places.

We long to see Oxford University's motto ring true once more:

'Dominus illuminatio mea' - 'The Lord is my Light.'
(Psalm 27)



Last year the Transformation Network had connections with Christian postgraduate students or academic staff in **11 departments**. These people were praying individually for their research, department and colleagues.

Prayer groups began in **4 university departments**: Chemistry, Biochemistry, International Development, and the Business School.

We held '**gathering-in**' **cross-departmental prayer meetings** twice a term in Hilary and Trinity terms 2020.

We had a **mini 'launch'** of the network in January 2020, at the beginning of a week of prayer in the Oxford Prayer Room.

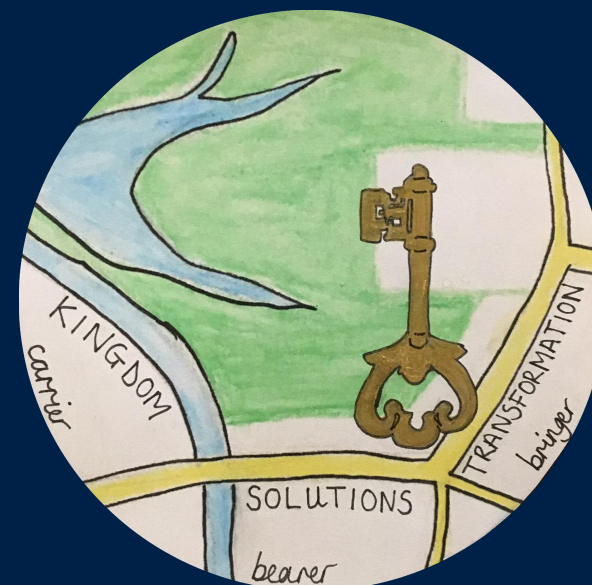
When the Covid-19 pandemic hit, most prayer groups and meetings continued virtually.

We prayed particularly for the Covid-related research being carried out in Oxford, including the vaccine trial, the contact tracing app, and the existing treatments trial which successfully discovered that dexamethasone reduces risk of death by 1/3 for patients on ventilators, and by 1/5 for those on oxygen.





If you would like to know more or be involved with the Oxford Transformation Network
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His Spirit in Us...

